Divorce cases

214. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether divorce cases are on the constant increase in the country, particularly in the Metropolitan cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such cases registered in various parts/courts of the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether State-sponsored counselling centres are opened in the court premises for taking up such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delimitation of Constituencies

†215. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delimitation Commission has completed almost 90 per cent of the delimitation work of Assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies;

(b) if so, when the work was completed;

(c) by when the remaining 10 per cent of the work is targeted to be completed; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct coming Lok Sabha elections on the basis of new constituencies created after delimitation?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) On the 2nd July, 2007, the Delimitation Commission notified the delimitation order in respect of the State of Meghalaya. With this, the Commission completed delimitation work in respect of 22 States/Union Territories, namely, Kerala, Tripura, Mizoram, Goa, Pondicerry, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Punjab, Maharashtra, Sikkim, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa, Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Meghalaya.

(c) The Commission has been given an extension up to the 31st July, 2008, by which time, it is hoped, it would complete its work.

(d) The next general elections to the Lok Sabha may be held on the basis of the newly carved out constituencies only if these delimitation orders in respect of all the parliamentary and assembly constituencies are issued by the Delimitation Commission and notified by the President, by then.

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